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CLASSIC FIGHTERS OF AMERICA MOVES TO RAMONA ***CAF to Conduct Three Flying Clinics Annually; Public Invited to See Warbirds***

Classic Fighters of America (CFA) will once again conduct its formation flying clinic at Ramona Airport on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. The event is intended to provide proficiency training, flying practice and pilot upgrades required by the FAA for pilots who fly in formations, such as at air shows.

Previously, these clinics were conducted on an annual basis in Riverside. Now they are being scheduled three times a year, and have moved to Ramona.

"We're delighted CFA has chosen Ramona as its new home for training," said Bo Donovan, Ramona Airport Manager. "As a County airport, we not only offer excellent facilities, but the weather and other flying conditions, such as un-crowded skies, all contribute to great training opportunities for this incredible organization."

An additional feature of this training is the opportunity for the public to see these classic warbirds up close on the ground and in the air. Planes include T-6s, T-28s, Corsairs, and other World War II-era fighters such as the famous P-51 Mustang that escorted bombers over Europe and flew missions in the Pacific Theatre. More than 20 of the fully restored fighter aircraft are expected to be on the ramp at Ramona Airport for the event.

During the clinic the pilots attend classroom instruction in the mornings, and then fly practice formations in the afternoons.

The event is free to the public. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Ramona Airport is located at 2926 Montecito Road in Ramona. For more information call (760) 788-3366.